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NOTIFICATION OF PROJECT APPROVAL

PROJECT: AEPOL											
ACTION					AREA						
		NEW PROJECT			DIVISION SR						
		AMENDMENT NO.									
X		RENEWAL FY 1958			BRANCH						
		TERMINATION			DESK						
		MEMO REQUEST			Lithuania						
AUTHORIZATION											
APPROVING AUTHORITY CPP				21 OCT 1957			AMOUNT <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		FISCAL YEAR 1958		
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL											
<p>Approved for FY 1958 renewal in the amount of <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>" Subject to conditions expressed in CPP Memorandum to Chief, SR Division, under date of 21 October 1957. "</p>											
<p>DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2007</p>											
PP/OPS/PP REF. NO. SEP 4774			SIGNATURE PP/OPS/PP <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>				SIGNED <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			DATE 21 OCT 1957	
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21 OCT 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR Division


SUBJECT: AEPOLE; Renewal for FY 1958

1. This memorandum contains a request for action.
2. This Staff concurs in the request for renewal for FY 1958 of project AEPOLE, subject to the following conditions:

a. A satisfactory working arrangement with VLIK be obtained, if and when the internal situation within VLIK permits an operational relationship. Within such relationship, the Division should concentrate on developing a competent radio panel responsive to our guidance, and one which is representative of the Lithuanian emigration as a whole. At the same time, the Division should attempt to keep its relationship with VLIK per se as uncommitted as permissible and should not undertake to strengthen VLIK organizationally. (Ideally, the project might be carried out in the manner recommended under b. below, but that course should be taken as second alternative if there is reason to believe that VLIK may at some future date attempt to interfere with a direction of the radio program which does not include its organization); or, alternately,

b. The present working arrangement should be improved in terms of cover, funding, and particularly guidance on policy and content of the broadcast.

(Signed) 

 Chief
Psychological and Paramilitary Staff

PP/OPS/PR:   (smc:14 October 1957

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PP STAFF COORDINATION

PROJECT: **AEPOLE**

AMENDMENT NO.

DIVISION

SR**X**RENEWAL **FY 1958**

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Lithuanian

STAFF CONCURRENCE

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- 1) Funds programmed in operating budget.
- 2) Subject to conditions ⁰⁷⁷ expressed in CPP Memorandum to Chief, SR Division, under date of 21 Oct Dec 1957.

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SUMMARY REQUEST FOR RENEWAL

DIVISION PROJECT CLEARANCE SHEET

1. ACTION: Request for Renewal, FY 1958

a. Project Cryptonym

ANFOLE

b. Division

SR

c. Branch

SR/2

d. Desk

Lithuanian

2. DIVISION CONCURRENCES:

LSL [SR/2] 23 Aug 57

23 Aug 57
Date

LSL [SR/CDP/PP] 12 Sep 57

12 Sep 57
Date

LSL [SR/CDP] 18 Sep 57

18 Sep 57
Date

[CSR] 16 September 1957

16 September 1957
Date

(Signed) [C/IO] 19 Sep 57

19 Sep 57
Date

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PROJECT: AEPOLE

1. Dates of original approval, renewals, amendments.

- a. 29 July 1949, original approval of project by ADPC under cryptonym BOLAPIN.
- b. 19 February 1954, approval of project by DD/P under cryptonym ARCHAMP/PP.
- c. 25 March 1955, approval of Amendment No. 1 of project.
- d. 19 August 1955, approval of project renewal by DD/P under cryptonym AEPOLE.
- e. 8 January 1957, approval of project renewal by CPP.

2. Funds used per fiscal year since initiation of project.

- a. Payments to VLIK since initiation of the project in 1949 until the end of FY 1953 for PP and marginal FI purposes, approximately.....
- b. FY 1954 for PP purposes only.....
- c. FY 1955 for PP purposes only.....
- d. FY 1956 for PP purposes only.....
- e. FY 1957 (estimated) for PP purposes only.....

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(Comment: For explanation of marked drop in expenditures between FY 1956 and FY 1957, see paragraph 5d.)

3. Objectives and project proposal.

a. The objectives of Project AEPOLE are:

- (1) To preserve the national identity of the Lithuanian people.
- (2) To maintain among the Lithuanian people an attitude of irreconcilability toward international communism and the Soviet regime dominating Lithuania today.
- (3) To foster the pro-Western orientation of the Lithuanian people.

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(4) To seek out and encourage "Titoist" tendencies in the Lithuanian Communist leadership.

- b. To achieve these objectives, it is proposed to use existing Lithuanian emigre groups, leaders, and institutions, that are already engaged in, or have a potential for, reaching the people of Lithuania. Among these groups and institutions are the Lithuanian language broadcasting elements at Radio Rome and Radio Nacional, Madrid, the Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania (VLIK), the Lithuanian Front, organized Lithuanian communities outside the United States, and Lithuanian student and youth organizations in the free world.

4. Statement of accomplishments during FY 1957 and estimate of effectiveness.

- a. Direct CIA case officer contact was established with the Lithuanian program directors at Radio Nacional, Madrid, and Radio Rome, which were formerly supported by CIA indirectly through VLIK. They are now receiving from CIA modest monthly salaries and reimbursement for some operational expenses. In return for this assistance, they may be counted on to incorporate into their daily broadcasts propaganda material that we provide or suggest. Although these Lithuanian language radio programs are still nominally supported by VLIK, they are in fact nearly completely dependant on direct CIA support.
- b. A facility for mailing personal letters to addressees inside Soviet Lithuania was set up in November 1956 and is being used regularly. The facility is based on the organized Lithuanian community in West Germany and its contacts with Lithuanian communities in other European countries. On the average, five hundred handwritten letters are written and mailed each month from different parts of Europe to addressees which are taken from a file of 6,000 names. The letters transmit western views of world events, especially as these have an effect on Lithuania and Lithuanians.
- c. During the past year some fragmentary evidence has been obtained from defectors, repatriates, and others that Lithuanian language broadcasts are heard intelligibly in Soviet Lithuania outside of the cities. In the cities, however, Soviet jamming practically neutralizes reception. The Soviet Lithuanian press' severe criticism of our letter-writing campaign described in sub-paragraph b. above, suggests that our letters were hitting the target. During 1956 the Soviets carried out a smear campaign against VLIK and its leaders through the radio, the press, and direct mail.
- d. As described in paragraph 4 d. of FY 1957 request for renewal, attached, the VLIK Assembly in November 1955 decided to:

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- (1) Move VLIK headquarters to the United States;
 - (2) Elect a presidium, of a chairman and two other members, with a permanent seat in New York;
 - (3) Elect a new executive committee to be located in West Germany; and
 - (4) Keep the VLIK radio section in West Germany for the time being.
- e. The above four decisions were carried out in FY 1957.
- f. Consistent with our plans, as stated in paragraph 4 e. of the FY 1957 request for renewal, we withheld subsidy payments from VLIK until such time that a suitable agreement would be reached with the new Presidium. Emigre politics coupled with dissunity within VLIK prevented the VLIK Presidium, elected in 1956, from reaching viable working arrangements with other Lithuanian factions and satisfactory agreements with CIA. As a result, VLIK was unable to implement the actions reported in paragraph 4 e. of the attached FY 1957 request for renewal, and no additional emergency grants were made by CIA to VLIK after the beginning of FY 1957. (Note: We were aware that VLIK had sufficient funds in its treasury to weather out a year without CIA support). The failure of that Presidium to assert effective leadership in VLIK and among other Lithuanian factions resulted in the election of a new VLIK Presidium with a concomitant hope of transposing factional strife to mutual cooperation in an anti-Communist effort in harmony with the objectives of this project. The new Presidium, elected in May 1957, is in contact with us and it has been assured of our readiness to examine any realistic plan it may wish to propose to advance the free Lithuanian and U.S. interests in the PP field.

5. Brief Statement of Plans for FY 1958.

- a. Until a non-partisan radio center and propaganda policy group are organized by VLIK, or other elements of the Lithuanian emigration, CIA financial support and policy guidance will be given straightaway to the directors of the Lithuanian radio programs at Radio Rome and Radio Nacional, Madrid. This formula is designed to prevent the disintegration of these radio assets while the leaders of the several political factions dispute over the mantle of prestige inadvertently associated with the party appearing to control the radio programs.
- b. Should the emigre political leaders fail to organize a radio section to support the Lithuanian programs at Rome and Madrid, a small staff of contract agents under suitable cover would be organized by SR/2 to guide and support, with funds and program material, the directors at the radio outlets.

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- c. Letters will be mailed regularly into Lithuania via the writing and mailing facility now available in Germany.
- d. It is estimated that the cost of the project will not exceed the amount allotted in the SR Country Plan for FY 1958, unless a radio subsidy is reinstated. The difference between the anticipated for FY 1958 and the spent in FY 1957 is occasioned by the need for additional contract personnel to start organizing the radio center, to support the Lithuanian Radios in Rome and Madrid and to employ a contract radio man for the Madrid outlet. *Funds in the amount of are requested for FY 1958.*
- e. The full-time operation of a radio center, planned for the future, will occasion our requesting amendment to the project for additional funds as would be required.

25 Sept 57
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PROJECT ACTION SHEET

D a t e: 7 October 1957

New Project / Renewal for FY 58 / Amendment # / Termination

1. Project (Cryptonym): AEPOLE
2. Subject (type of operation, mechanism, target): Propaganda through Radio Rome and Radio Nacional Madrid, and a letter writing mechanism based in West Germany, utilizing Lithuanian emigres and emigre groups, aimed at the people of Lithuania.
3. This project refers to priority A, objective 2,
tasks b and d of the ^{(German (Soviet section)} applicable RMD which requires (quote pertinent passage): "2. Facilitate evolutionary changes within the USSR by exploiting the major changes occurring in the Soviet hierarchy... To this end, increase popular demands for greater... freedom and... satisfaction of consumer needs; aggravate frictions... between Soviet and Satellite parties and governments; promote discussion of Soviet policies and keep alive... issues...; induce popular doubts as to the validity of Communism..." "b. Disseminate facts and propaganda themes to the Soviet people inside the USSR through effective covert (cont on additional sheet)
4. If the priority noted in reply to #3 above is not "A", are the other, higher priority objectives adequately taken care of -- or impossible to achieve at present -- so that this project aimed at a lower priority target is sufficiently justified? N. A.

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5. Does the project cover the entire task described in question 3 above? If not, which part of the task is actually covered by the project? (Are, in your opinion, more important parts of the task left uncovered? If so, why?) Yes. However, during FY 1957, Task "d" has not been pursued actively because of internal strife within the emigre organizations, (see paragraph 7 and 8 below). In this connection, it may also be of interest that since approximately the time of the writing of the Germany (Soviet Section) RMD the use of refugee organizations for psywar purposes has been under study and while not finally resolved the trend is definitely toward de-emphasis of this past approach, if not toward eventual disengagement.

6. Are there other projects; beside this, which cover the same task or reach essentially the same target? If so, list them and state whether this means unnecessary duplication or justifiable division of work and/or a desirable supplementary effort? (If you consider this to be duplication, explain which project should be eliminated or re-directed or whether two or more projects should be merged, or any other applicable remedial action).

TPTONIC in IO division supplements this task. AEPOLE concentrates on Lithuania, the radio programs are attributed to Radio Madrid and Radio Rome, and the mailing project is attributed to Lithuanians. In contrast, TPTONIC includes Lithuania as one of many target countries on its FEP mailing project which is attributed in the main to other than Lithuanian sources and does not approach the objective cited above as directly as AEPOLE.

7. Progress and development of the project during the last 12 months (include major changes in operating conditions or policies):

A mailing facility was established in West Germany which now has the capacity to direct mail to 6,000 addresses inside Lithuania from different parts of Europe. Direct case officer contact was established with the Lithuanian program directors of Radio Rome and Radio Nacional, Madrid, to guide the programs. The plans noted in FY 1957, namely to move the Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania (VLIK) to the U. S., to locate an executive committee in West Germany, and to maintain a radio section in Germany, were successfully carried out. Disunity within the Lithuanian emigration and its principal organization VLIK, made it impossible for us to carry out actions with VLIK during FY 1957. The new executive bodies may be able to bring about some degree of cooperation within the emigration.

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8. Additional Comments: SR Division is working on the problems: improving the quality of the radio programs and making them more responsive to our objectives; and developing a mechanism which will cover the amount of money necessary to support the activities adequately. The Division recognizes several possibilities in the development of the project during FY 1958, as follows:

a. If VLIK can solve its internal problems, a small subsidy should again be given to support its work;

b. If VLIK can establish a viable radio section, willing to offer program guidance independent of emigre internal politics, it may be possible to use it for program guidance and as a funding mechanism;

c. If VLIK proves unable to carry out such a function, however, SR/2 will organize a small staff of contract agents to guide and support the radio outlets, or seek some comparable alternative.

The fifteen minute daily programs have continued as a regular part of
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R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S :

A. This project action should be -- approved / disapproved / approved under the following conditions (with the following modifications):

1. A satisfactory working arrangement with VLIK be obtained, if and when the internal situation within VLIK permits an operational relationship. Within such relationship, SR should concentrate on developing a competent radio panel responsive to our guidance, and one which is representative of the Lithuanian emigration as a whole. At the same time, SR should attempt to keep its relationship with VLIK per se as uncommitted as permissible and should not undertake to strengthen VLIK organizationally. (Ideally, the project might be
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B. Additional action suggested (e.g. advice for the operating division, request for additional information and/or redocumentation, special staff support, future reassessment, or the like): Redocumentation should be submitted with the renewal request for FY 1959.

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PP/OPS/PR Area Officer (Name typed
and signed)

ADDITIONAL SHEET

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media, including radio, . . ." "d. Utilize selected emigre organizations for propaganda and political action."

8. Continued --

Radio Nacional and Radio Rome, as the Lithuanian programs of those stations. The program directors are hired by the stations, but receive very little salary and are dependent on income from other sources. The amount of financial support which we have afforded it, and the amount of actual program guidance, have both been limited during FY 1957. The potential of both programs is greater than we have utilized and should be developed qualitatively. This is the only radio program into Lithuania, a country on the periphery of the USSR (geographically and politically) and of potentially crucial importance. AEPOLE should in no way be considered expendable or allowed to run itself by default. On the contrary, it should receive concentrated attention both from headquarters and the field.

Recommendations A. Continued --

carried out in the manner recommended under 2. below, but that course should be taken as second alternative if there is reason to believe that VLIK may at some future date attempt to interfere with any direction of the radio program which does not include its organization); or

2. The present working arrangement be improved in terms of cover, funding, and guidance on policy and content.

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PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA		PROJECT CRYPTONYM AEPOLE			
*MAY NOT EXCEED SECRET CLASSIFICATION RESPONSIBLE STAFF OR DIVISION <div style="text-align: center;">SR Division</div>		FISCAL PERIOD COVERED <div style="text-align: center;">1 July 1957 THRU 30 JUNE 1958</div>			
		CASE OFFICER <div style="text-align: center;">_____</div>			
A. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS					
Indicate number and type of personnel required and estimated total compensation for salary, allowances, travel and related employee benefits. Include everyone paid from project.					
TYPE	NUMBER		ESTIMATED COMPENSATION		
	U. S. PERSONNEL	FOREIGN NATIONAL	BASE SALARY	ALL OTHER	TOTAL
STAFF EMPLOYEES					
STAFF AGENTS					
CAREER AGENTS					
CONTRACT AGENTS	3	3	9,800		
CONTRACT CONSULTANTS					
DETAILED PERSONNEL					
FIELD AGENTS					
MILITARY					
ALL OTHER		2	720		
TOTAL A.	3	5	10,520		10,520
B. SUPPLIES, MATERIEL AND EQUIPMENT					
Indicate amount required in applicable spaces. Attach complete supporting list for each.					
COMMO \$	CHEMICAL \$	QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES \$		OTHER SUPPLIES C 2	
MEDICAL \$	ORDNANCE \$	SPECIAL DEVICES \$		OTHER EQUIPMENT C 2	
TOTAL B. C 2					
C. OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES					
Indicate volume and nature of expenses such as (1) maintenance of two operational houses abroad (2) spot purchase of information, etc.					
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TOTAL C. C 2					
D. SUBSIDY OR PROPRIETARY PAYMENTS					
If funds are to be turned over to individuals or groups in large lump sums to be expended by the individuals or groups at their discretion to accomplish an agreed-upon objective, explain the type of financial accounts, factual verification or statements, if any, other than a receipt for the lump sum, which will be obtained.					
TOTAL D. C 2					
TOTAL FUND REQUIREMENTS (A + B + C + D) \$					

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PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA		PROJECT CRYPTONYM ABPOLB			
		FISCAL PERIOD COVERED 1 July 1957 THRU 30 JUNE 1958			
*MAY NOT EXCEED SECRET CLASSIFICATION					
RESPONSIBLE STAFF OR DIVISION SR Division		CASE OFFICER C J			
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TOTAL D. C J					
TOTAL FUND REQUIREMENTS (A + B + C + D) \$ C J					

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E. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

APPROXIMATE DATES AND AMOUNTS OF MONEY REQUIRED

FORM REQUIRED

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U. S. DOLLARS

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FOREIGN (SPECIFY)

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NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS (SPECIFY)

SPECIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OR METHODS OF TRANSMISSION

F. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

(Within security limitations, list any other facts or circumstances which will enable Special Support Staff to lend adequate logistical support to this project. Indicate specificationally the "RUSH" or "TIME" factors involved.)

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MATERIEL AND FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS ANNEX

PROJECT - AEPOL - PP

I. MATERIEL

A. XI

FX 1958

1. Newspapers, books, periodicals, etc.
2. Office furniture and equipment (Washington)
3. Office supplies

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Total Materiel

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II. FACILITIES

A. XI

1. Office rent @ \$250.00 per month
(1 Jan. 58 thru 30 June 58)

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Total Facilities

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III. SUMMARY - The total logistical support for Project AEPOL-PP amounts to
All support will be procured by the subsidiary
organization.

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Chief, SE/Logistics

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